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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT FORMATION- NO 10 SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MINORITY  
GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTED

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1. PRIMIN ANKER JORGENSEN'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MINORITY  
GOVERNMENT WAS OFFICIALLY CONSTITUTED THIS AFTERNOON (FEB 13)  
IN SEPARATE PRESENTATIONS TO THE QUEEN AND PARLIAMENT. THE  
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16-MEMBER CABINET IS NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THE PREVIOUS JORGENSEN

CABINET WHICH RESIGNED IN NOVEMBER 1973, ALTHOUGH SOME MEMBERS HAVE SWITCHED MINISTRIES. THE MFA WILL AGAIN BE DIVIDED BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER KNUD BORGE (K.B.) ANDERSEN AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IVAR NORGAARD. BUDGET MINISTER KNUD HEINESSEN AND MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS PER HAEKKERUP WILL BE REINSTATED AS THE POWER-WIELDERS OF THE NEW CABINET. PREVIOUS MINISTER OF DEFENSE ORLA MOLLER WILL RETURN TO THAT IMPORTANT POST, HANDLING THE JUSTICE MINISTRY FOR TAXES AND EXCISES, IS HEADED BY SVENT JAKOBSEN, WHO WAS IMPRESSIVE PREVIOUSLY AS MINISTER OF HOUSING.

2. OTHER CABINET MEMBERS INCLUDE:

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS  
HELGE NIELSEN  
MINIER OF LABOR: ERLING DINESEN  
MINISTER OF COMMERCE: ERLING JENSEN  
MINISTER OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORTATION  
NIELS MATTHIASSEN  
MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS : EVA GREDAL  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION : RITT BJERREGAARD  
MINISTER OF INTERIOR: EGON JENSEN  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES: POUL DALSAGER  
MINISTER OF GREENLAND AND CHURCH: JORGEN PEDER HANSEN

THE LAST TWO, BOTH VETERAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, ARE THE ONLY NEW FACES. POUL DALSAGER HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AFFAIRS THE PAST TWO YEARS AND IS CONSEQUENTLY MORE SEASONED IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS THAN SOME OF HIS PREDECESSORS. HORGEN PEDER HANSEN ORINALLY CUSTOMS INSPECTOR, HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLAIMENTARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

3. FOLLOWING ITS BRIEF SESSION THIS EVENING, PARLIAMENT WILL BE RECESSED WHILE THE NORDIC COUNCIL MEETS IN REYKJAVIK IT WILL RECONVENE FEB 20 FOR PRIMIN JORGENSEN'S PRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENTS PROGRAM. THE FOLLOWING DAY WILL BE DEVOTED TO GENERAL DEBATE OF THAT PROGRAM.  
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4. GIVEN THE DRAWN-OUT CRISIS AND THE CURRENT POPULAR AVERSION TO POLITICS IN GENERAL AND ANOTHER ELECTION IN PARTICULAR THE NEW GOVERNMENT DESPITS ITS WEAKNESS MAY WELL CONTINUE THROUGH THE YEAR.

5. COMMENT: THE NEW CABINET IS A ROUGH BALANCE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S LEFT WING,

(NORGAARD,JAKOBSEN GREDAL AND BJERREGAARD) AND RIGHT WING (KAEKKERUP,NIELSEN, DINESEN, MOLLER, EGON JENSEN) WITH AN EVEN LARGER PRESENTATION FROM JORGEN'S OWN CENTER GROUP. WHILE THE COMPLEXION THUS REMAINS SIMILAR TO THE JORGENSEN GOVERNMENT OF 1972-73 THE NEW MINORITY DEPENDENCE UPON THE RADICALS AND ATLEAST ONE OTHER CENTER-RIGHT PARTY WILL TEND TO MAKE IT CONSIDERABLY MORE MODERATE.

6. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS THERE WILL BE CHANGES ONLY IN TONE NOT SUBSTANCE: A SLIGHTLY MORE PRO-ISRAEL NAUNCE AND AN INCREASED EMPHASIS ON NORDIC COOPERATION THOUGH NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF DENMARK'S BASIC EC COMMITMENT. ON FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES AFFECTING US-DANISH RELATIONS DENMARK'S MEMBERSHIP IN NATO, US EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND THE ENERGY PROGRAM POLICY WILL REMAIN UNALTERED BUT THE TONE MAY BE SOMEWHAT MORE INDEPENDENT. WE CAN EXPECT GREATER SUSPICION OF US POLICIES VIS-A-VIS THE THIRD WORLD, ESPECIALLY VIETNAM AND CHILE.

7. THE APPOINTMENT OF ORLA MOLLER TO THE DEFENSE SLOT IS GOOD NEWS. MOLLER IS A PRO-NATO PRO-US AND COMMITTED TO THE F-16 PURCHASE AS ANY MEMBER OF THE HARTLING GOVERNMENT THAT HE WAS SELECTED OVER SEVERAL OTHER MENTIONED CANDIDATES TENDS TO CONFIRM THE EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION FROM OTHER INDICATIONS THAT THE SHIFT TO A SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE THE MOMENTUM DEVELOPED THUS FAR FAVORING THE F-16.  
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